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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR:

1. This memorandum is for information only.
2. Richard M. Rovere's new book, Senator Joe McCarthy (Harcourt, Brace, 1959), contains the following two passages in which CIA is mentioned:
3. On McCarthy's tactics of creating "noise, confusion, tumult" (pp. 47-48):
 "...He would drop anything the moment he had exhausted its possibilities for mischief. Beyond mischief, he never accomplished anything. He never really completed any of his campaigns, and some that he announced he never even began. He would speak of Communists "with a razor poised over the jugular vein of this nation" in defense plants, in the Army, in radar laboratories. But he would stop talking and stop investigating the moment the headlines began to diminish in size and number, thus leaving our jugular in as much danger as before. He once said that the 'worst situation' of all existed in the Central Intelligence Agency. He had reason to believe there were more than 100 Communists there. He was going to 'root them out.' The problem got a bit sticky. No one wanted McCarthy's investigators loose in the C.I.A. The President announced that a commission headed by General Mark Clark would look into the problem. Nothing ever came of the Clark investigation. McCarthy could easily enough have overcome the resistance to his own and raised hell anyway, but he sensed that the victory would be a bit costlier than most -- that it would take much energy and effort without any promise of a high yield. 'I guess I'll skip it,' he said, and the 'worst situation' continued to prevail -- perhaps to this day."

4. On Roy Cohn's efforts to get a military commission for David Schine, discussed in the Army-McCarthy hearings in 1954 (p. 209): "...Cohn wanted Schine to have a commission right away -- no fuss about filling out forms or establishing qualifications. The matter went to the Army Chief of Staff and

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on to the Secretary of the Army and on to the Secretary of Defense. Two colonels were assigned to explore the possibilities for helping Schine. The possibilities simply did not exist. General Walter Bedell Smith, Undersecretary of State and a former military aide to the President, was asked if he could do anything to break out of channels. Perhaps Schine could be put in Central Intelligence. Allen Dulles, the director, was sought out. Something could probably have been arranged somewhere, somehow, but there was Schine's draft board and the Selective Service people to think of. Hell would break loose if the thing turned into a draft scandal."

/S/ S. J. Grogan

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cc: DDCI (w/o book)

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2. In an article entitled "The Ring Around McCarthy" by Richard Wilson in LOOK magazine, December 1, 1953, p. 29, the following are mentioned as among those close to the late Senator Joseph R. McCarthy at that time:

"an assortment of Nationalist Chinese, Central American, and Spanish diplomats"

Constance Bennett

Eugene Biggers (Appleby, Texas, McCarthy backer)

Representative Clarence J. Brown

Constantine Brown

Gwen Cafritz

Senator Homer E. Capehart

Chiang-Kai-Shek's son

Ray M. Cohn

Tom Coleman (Madison, Wisconsin, industrialist, former Republican state chairman, and GOP boss of Wisconsin)

H. R. Cullen (Texas oilman, multi-millionaire)

Mrs. Preston Davis

Mrs. Marcella Dupont

Francis D. Flanagan (McCarthy's general counsel)

Representative Charles A. Halleck

Austin Hancock (San Antonio insurance executive)

Walter Harnischfeger (manufacturer of prefabricated houses)

Mrs. William Randolph Hearst, Jr.

Senator Spessard Holland

Wayne Hood (Wisconsin Republican state chairman)

J. Edgar Hoover ("finds more good than bad aspects to McCarthy and cooperates with him within practical limits, but Attorney General Herbert Brownell has his doubts about how far such cooperation should go.")

H. L. Hunt (Dallas oil operator "sometimes called the richest man in America.")

Senator William F. Jenner

Victor A. Johnston (one of Stassen's political organizers)

Rex Kamey (editorial writer, Wisconsin State Journal)

Ray Kiermas (Wisconsin banker, executive assistant to McCarthy)

Madame V. K. Wellington Koo

Tom Korb (McCarthy's administrative assistant)

Robert E. Lee (former FBI agent; later on FCC)

Fulton Lewis, Jr. ("Commentator Fulton Lewis keeps his relations with McCarthy second-hand as much as possible through Neller [see below] or other third parties. Thus Neller has worked with Don Surine, an FBI agent disconnected from the service by J. Edgar Hoover and now on the party's staff. Surine and Miss Kerr (who became Mrs. McCarthy) collaborated to lay low Senator Tydings of Maryland in the bizarre series of events condemned by a Senate investigating committee.")

Mrs. Alice Roosevelt Longworth

Senator George W. Malone

Douglas Marshall (son-in-law of H. R. Cullen)

Fred Miller (Miller Brewing Company)

Steve Miller (Wisconsin cheese broker)

Clint Murchison (Texas oilman)

Vice President Richard M. Nixon

Edward K. Nellor ("a former reporter for the New York Sun, who worked for several years as an investigator and reporter for Fulton Lewis. He still writes Lewis's syndicated column in the Hearst newspapers but is also independently employed as a Washington correspondent by the North American Newspaper Alliance. He became an unofficial volunteer advisor to McCarthy on the fairly sound journalistic assumption that he could thus keep abreast of what McCarthy was doing.")

Westbrook Pegler ("Though no party-goer, confers frequently with McCarthy")

Mrs. Ivy Baker Priest

Hamilton Raddis (Wisconsin lumberman)

John Reidl (editor, Appleton Post-Crescent)

G. David Schine

Matt Schuh (president, Appleton State Bank)

General Lemuel C. Shepherd, Jr.

George Sokolsky

Harold E. Stassen (into whose orbit McCarthy was said to have been drawn in his early days.)

Don Surine (ex-FBI agent working for McCarthy)

Mrs. Garvin Tankersley (the former Ruth Elizabeth Bary McCormick, at whose horse farm in Maryland McCarthy's inner circle is supposed to gather.)

Walter Trohan

Henry J. Van Straven (Appleton school superintendent)

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Danton Walker (Broadway columnist)
General Albert C. Wedemeyer
Senator Herman Welker
John Wyngaard (Wisconsin columnist)

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